## PRIZES OFFERED ARCHITECTURAL DESIGNERS BY "THE SUN" IN EFFORT TO BETTER SMALL COUNTRY HOME PLANNING

Third Competition Problem Calls for Perspective, Plans and Plot Plan for Dwelling That Can Be Erected for \$6,000---Contest Starts To-day and Will Close in Four Weeks---Expected to Help Solve Problem

of Those Who Desire Comfortable, Artistic, Ef-

ficient Homes at Moderate Cost

architects who give their valuable time

ment with homes for the multitudes who find living conditions in the city un-desirable, but there has been a decided tack of effort on the part of most de-lack of effort on the part of most de-

fort has been made to change this conhas been the basis of the effort. Little has been attempted on behalf of the little family that would live in the suburbs and there enjoy the blessings and comferts of the clean, healthy country, ban home builder is the planning of modern, efficient, architecturally attractive, low priced homes. Few of the people who build this type of house have had the advantage of foreign travel, their architectural educations being limited to observations of modern the superiors.

competition among architectural draughtsmen. As in the competition were started three years ago at the suggestion of lift, prizes totalling \$500 arc offered for the four designs which a competent jury of practising architects shall select as most worthy of special honor. In attempting to obtain a type of house that will most nearly meet the public demand, a dwelling that can be erected exclusive of the cost of land for an amount not to exceed \$6.000 has been selected for the problem of the competition. The contest starts to-day and will close on March 25.

In announcing to-day the terms of its will close on March 25.
In announcing to-day the terms of its third competition Title Se's extends to all architectural draughtsmen and to students of architectural schools are us to compete the transfer of the designs submitted in the former competitions. The wealth of matterial schools are used to the designs submitted in the former competitions. The wealth of matterial schools are used to the schools are use all architectural schools as its students of architectural schools as its former competition to join in solving one of the certal provided by the contestants has pressing problems of the present day, been studied by many thousands of that of a moderate priced home cost, some of them, finding that good homes can be built at reasonable cost. that of a moderate priced home 103sessing attractiveness comfort and durability. It is a problem which will become more important as the crowding of
effy residential districts forces greater
numbers of people into the suburbs. It
is a problem which the country generation of architects must solve completely

If the suburbs of the city are to be saved tion of architects must solve completely if the suburbs of the city are to be saved from building types which can only make them repulsive to those who must live in them. Such splendid interest has been aroused in the possibilities of better housing in the suburbs through its schools who can point the way to conformer completitions that The Sux has former completitions that The Six has good hope of being able soon to point to improved conditions that will entirely listly its own efforts those of the services of the first fine of the petures and the services of the se justify its own efforts, those of the great doubt that the public is sincerely innumber of designers who take part in terested in this phase of the living these competitions and of the learned problem and will respond heartly to the

and efforts toward helping to make the they enjoy to-day.

competitions of lasting benefit.

In excluding all practising architects competitions of lasting benefit.

In all directions from the City Hall great areas of land are under development with homes for the multitudes who ment with homes for the multitudes who find living conditions in the city unfind living conditions are conditionally conditions. the problems involved in the building of larger and more expensive buildings. velopers to do more than provide easily smallable dwellings. The result has been that in the ten years or more that sub-train developing has been especially active communities have been required solution of the problem requires an intiactive communities have been produced which, according to those who have had opportunities to see such places abroad.

are the poorest to be found in any communities in the product of the expectal needs of people living in that section and of the cost of building construction there. Starter the poorest to be found in any communities in all of the architectural schools dents in all of the architectural schools. throughout the country are, however, eligible, and it is in ped that they will take an active part in the contest, for their work last year was an interesting feature of the connection.

This year's programme calls for a dwelling that can be built for not more than \$6,000, the amount not to include comforts of the clean, healthy country, but refuses to invest its payings in the average "carpenter and builder" type of house with which New York's suburbs largely are built. Right now the most difficult task that confronts the suburban home builder is the planning of modern, efficient, architecturally attraccents a cubic foor, which means that the maximum contents of a dwelling planned, for which the very cheapest materials must be specified, can contain at most

MPELLED by the widespread interest in its campaign for better small home planning in the suburbs of New York, The Sun will hold another competition among architectural competition among arch

There is no doubt of the interest the design's submitted will arouse among builders, developers and individuals who of all attractive home designs depicted in its columns, and whenever such is the case regarding designs submitted in this communication with the inquirer.

try. Having just returned from an ex-tensive tour of Europe, where he had studied the landscaping of many of the

famous homes there, this lack of har-mony in American homes was apparent

to Mr Platt. With the artist's eye for beauty he saw ways by which ugly estates could be turned into attractive

places at very little cost. It was the lack of attractiveness of American country places that induced Mr. Platt

to put into print what he saw in his travels through Europe. He called it "Italian Gardens," and Harner's pub-lished it in 1892. It is considered an authoritative work on Italian gardens.

His studies in landscaping he used in painting a country scene which won for him the Webb prize, given by the Soci-ety of American Artists. This was in

Up to that time Mr. Platt had de

Even while studying landscaping in Eutope he found time to paint and exhibit in the leading saloons of the Old World

CHURCHES AIDED BY ZONING.

From officers of Fifth Avenue Bapst. St. Nicholas Collegiate Reformed. ticaventy Best Episcopal and some other Fifth avenue churches it was learned yesterday that the zening plan success has changed the outlook for Manhattan churches, and especially for those of Madison and Pifth avenues between Forty-second street and Cen-tral Park, and will affect New York The Stewart Suilding was bought by Protestant church conditions for genera-Felix Isman from the estate of the late

tions, terhaps for all time.

Hesides the zoning plan the building up of Park avenue, made possible by the New York Central lines, and the inthe New York Central lines, and the investments of St. Thomas's and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal parishes is said to have a wonderfully stimulating effect. The decision of the Fifth Avenue Bartist Church to erect a parish building in Forty-sixth street next the church, to

cost \$75,000, means the permanent location of the church in this street. St. Nicholas Collegiate Reformed Church at

TO AUCTION STEWART BLDG.

Satisfy \$3,838.924 Debt.

The famous old Stewart Building, covering eighteen city lots, with frontages on Broadway, Chambers and Reade free and clear and was sold close to the holding figure of \$185,000. It adjoins the lots of the lot

he was elected a National Academician.

Among his etchings which won honors was "Glouester Harbor" done in 1881 when he was only 20 years old. He was among the early members of the American Etchers Society.

The Garden of Weld at Brookline is Mr. Platt's work as a landscape architect. His first houses were built in Cornish, N. H., where he makes his home. He designed a number of fine places there ranging in cost up to \$100,000. He gave as much attention to the location of the house as to the house, no matter how big, a domestic all was soon noticed and Mr. Platt was asked to Gesign houses for folks outside of Corniston: that is, to place buildings and the control of the co design houses for folks outside of Cornish. In time he was doing considerable work in New England. Among the big houses which are considered some of his firest work are the homes of Harold MacCornish & at Lake Porest near Chicago of Russell Alger on Lake St. Clair near Detroit of W. G. Mather in Cleveland;

is to satisfy a judgment in foreclosure, the sum of which, up to December 23, 1912, principal and interest, amounted to \$3,838,924,15, and on which taxes and

interest have accumulated to date. The action was started against Felix Isman to recover on the first mortgage of \$3.-

Park, is to be sold at auction at the Vesey street raiserooms by Joseph P. Day on Tuesday, April 10, by order of the Central Trust Company and Ed-ward D. Harris, trustee for the estate of the late Judge Henry Hilton. The sale the George F. Baker place it was bought by a New Yorker who resold it at a profit through the Ashforth frin erty, which he sold years ago to the Bell family.

> L'Ecluse, Washburn & Co. bare and wenty-seven acres of the Alex who will build immediately

700,000, given as a purchase money mortgage on June 2, 1508. The Stewart Building was bought by BUYS IN THE SHINNECOCKS. Judge Henry Hilton on April 22, 1966, at a reported selling price of \$4,500,000. Mr. Isman took title to the property.

Alfred E. Schermernorn has sold for the Swayne estate eight acres in Shinnecock Hills to Thomas G. Condon

subject to a purchase money mortgage of \$3,700,000, at 5 per cent., due in four \$3,700,000, at 5 per cent, due in four years. About June 26, 1908, Mr. Isman NEW REALTY CORPORATIONS.

A TUXEDO PLACE.

Bell property, one of the finest aces in Tuxedo Park, has been sold by Albert B. Ashforth, as broker, for Densitoun M. Bell, who has owned it since twenty-five screes, together with a large residence and outbuildings, built about infleen years ago from designs by Trowridge & Livingston. The property is se and clear and was sold close to the ling figure of \$185,000. It as years. About June 28, 1208, Mr. Isman, transferred the property to Fells Isman, Inc., against which the present foreclosure action is directed.

Judge Henry Hilton bought the property from Mrs. A. T. Stewart for \$2.-100,000 in February, 1884. Since then it has been used as an office structure.

### Leading Architects Form Jury for "The Sun" Competition

anese and Chinese art, which is sai

Charles A. Platt. Alexages for nearly every section of the world some of the first of the first work in ludes and Richard H. Dana.

Jr. to Select Winners

Mr. Dana's firm has designed build. American architects to combine the two branches of architecture and it is due largely to his efforts that the American designs of the first declines in New Haven the homes of Yale College proposed in Architecture and it is due largely to his efforts that the American ountry house is now the equal of the famous old homes of Europe.

An architect said recently that Mr. Platt had done more to advance the science of home building than any other architect. Up to the early '90s the College group at College group of buildings at Pekin. China: the Yale College group at China; St. Paul's College at China: St.

tural Circles Whose Works Have Made Them Famous.

Competitors in The Sun's third ourse home competition and The Sun are home competi

doubt that the public is sincerely in-terested in this phase of the living problem and will respond heartily to the attempt to give them better homes than of the designs which will be submitted try estates. He has built a number of by hundreds of aspiring young men and men entry houses and he is at present erecting a monumental structure in women architects. These men are among Washington to house the Charles Freer women architects. These men are among washington to house the Charles Free women architects. America and collection of Whistler paintings and Japin them THE SUN believes it has secured ard. The names and the works of these men are known wherever architecture is considered a fine art. They have given this city are other American cities

and suburbs many fine homes and beauty Masters of architecture, Aesigners of the foremost rank with years of experi-ence, they are adequately fitted to mass on the designs which will be placed before them by the many your, aspire to position in the architectura; field of America. The high standing of the judges as designers of fine structures and as men of character assures competi-tors in the coming contectition that off, movit will be considered in making dec-

sions. Recognition by such men as Mr. Dans. Mr. Piatt and Mr. Trowbridge is ve weath trying for. It is no oppordesigner who receives an award from these men will have made considerable progress in his profession.

Mr. Dana is a Cambridge man, the

their architectural educations being limited to observations of what they have seen in their own circles. Much of this is bad and it is to the credit of this law average. New Yorker that be clings to his flat rather than increase the number of homes in the suburbs locking all the essentials of good architecture.

It is the inability to obtain well planned homes that has kept thousands of families from going out of town to live, for though many suburban builders have expended considerable effort to obtain the same good qualities in small house.

In the suburban the specified, can contain at most that allow only could feet. Such a propose would be somewhat larger than the grandson of Richard Herry Dana, who worte the American masterpiece. Two worte the American masterpiece worte the suburban become that allowance may be made the grandson of Richard Herry Dana, who worte the American masterpiece of the assurant book white allows and the grandson of Richard Herry Dana, who worte the American masterpiece of the suburban because the match and one service the interior has brought pleasure to maily. He is also the cubic contents of the dwelbux are reduced in proportion.

The plot plan is to be a more important feature of the competition than in former years. A study of the nearby suburban builders have expended considerable effort to obtain the same good qualities in small house. the same good qualities in small house building as are had in expensive homes, the practice of fitting the family to the house is a bad one and is growing in discavor steadily. As a gown must be designed and built to meet the physical and settletic requirements of a woman so the house must be designed and built aspecially if it is to meet the needs of the rear of the plot a more pronounced privacy than is found in older types of houses.

Architects throughout the city bays the family and is to be all that home implies. Results of the two former Sun competitions demonstrate that generous support will be given to those young designers who will establish as high a standard of architecture for small homes as the architects of this part of the country have established in more costly house construction.

For the purposes of The Sun's complete construction.

For the purposes of The Sun's competition this year a \$6.000 house has been selected because it has been found to be the type of dwelling in greatest demand at this time. In the first competition a \$7.500 residence was the problem, and last year designs and plans for a \$4.500 building were called for. The first meant a complete residence costing from \$11.000 to \$12.000 a figure somewhat above the average demand. Sins submilited Beginning on the first meant a complete residence built according to last year's resomewhat above the average demand. Sins submilited Beginning on the first meant total cost of from \$4.000 to \$7.500.

# The Sun's Country Home Competition

## \$500 in Four Prizes Offered to Draughtsmen for Plans of House to Cost Not More Than \$6,000

THE SUN invites you to take part in a competition for floor plans and perspective for a country house which can be built at a cost of not more than \$6,000. All designs submitted will be judged by a competent jury of professional men, and for the four designs selected by them as having the best qualities, judged from the terms of the competition, THE SUN will award prizes as follows:

FIRST PRIZE SECOND PRIZE **FOURTH THIRD** 

The jury in its discretion will give mention to such drawings as it thinks worthy of distinction.

This competition is intended to provide a means for young draughtsmen to express their ideas regarding modern country home planning. It is the hope of THE SUN that through the expression of such ideas, gained from a study of present day requirements, a type of modern country home may be evolved which will answer the demand for a combination of attractiveness, comfort, stability and efficiency, all at rea-

No designs will be accepted from practising architects. In other words, this competition is limited to men and women employed as draughtsmen and draughtswomen in architects' offices. It is further limited to employees of firms whose offices are within the boundaries of Greater New York, Long Island, Westchester county, N. Y; Hudson, Bergen, Morris, Essex, Passaic, Union, Middlesex and Monmouth counties, N. J., and Fairfield county. Conn.; the students of all architectural schools, and students of the Society of Beaux Arts, New York city.

Judges of this competition will be asked to base their awards on the fitness of the design to the material employed, the adaptability of the design, the excellence of the plan and the possibility of production within the allowed amount.

#### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION ARE:

FIRST-The design must be for a two story and cellar all the year house. An attic may be included if desired. The building must be one that can be erected, exclusive of cost of land, in the suburban district of New York, for a cost not to exceed \$6,000. It is assumed to have not more than 30,000 cubic feet of contents from the cellar floor. Included in the cost must be all charges for a complete building except for lighting fixtures and decorations. Plumbing fixtures, heating plant and wiring for lighting must be included.

SECOND-For the purposes of this competition the plot on which this house is to be erected is assumed to be level and of an area 100x100 feet. It is assumed that the ground is ree of rock and can be excavated at the usual cost for such work

THIRD—No limit is placed on the area of the structure and the materials to be used in construction except those of cost and size of plot. FOURTH-1t is assumed that the house designed will be for the use of three adults, two children and one servant.

FIFTH - All drawings shall be rendered in pen and ink and shall consist of a plot plan drawn to a scale 1-16 of an inch to a foot; a perspective of the front of the house drawn to a scale 14 of an inch to a foot on the nearest corner and plans of both floors drawn to a scale 1-8 of an inch to a foot. All drawings must be mounted on cardboard 22 by 30 inches in size. The perspective must be at the top; floor plans in the centre, and plot plan at the bottom.

SIXTH-The plot flan must indicate the position of the house on the For this purpose it is assumed that there are three adjoining plots each 100x100 in size, any two of which are assumed to be built on already The competitive plan must show the proposed improvement of the third plot and its relation to the other two. This block plan must show approaches, paths, garage and garden details of one of them. It is assumed that the street side of the lot is at the north. The house is to set back 18 feet from the lot line. Floor plans and perspective are to be of sufficient detail that finished plans can be made from them.

SEVENTH - All plans are to remain the property of the various contestants, but The Sun reserves the right to publish any or all of them without further compensation than has been stated above. Plans are to be returned to competitors as soon after the close of the competition as practicable. The Sun will take reasonable care of all drawings, but will not be responsible for any drawings lost or damaged.

EIGHTH—This competition is to be closed at midnight. March 25 All competitive drawings must by that time be received at the office of The Sun, 150 Nassau street, New York city,

NINTH - All designs are to be signed by a character selected by each competitor. Accompanying all drawings must be sealed envelopes comtaining full name and character mark of each competitor; name and address of office in which he or she is employed or the school at which the competitor is studying, and the following form signed by the full name of

I (we) affirm that the design and plan submitted by me use in this The Sun's Country Home Competition, are of my (our) own original conception, and have not been adapted or copied from any other design or

#### Signature.

TENTH Each competitor must submit with his drawings a description of his building, materials, &c., the description to be limited to not more than 500 words

#### H. E. Lesan Sells \$45,000 Scarsdale Residence Overlooking Bronx River



of Scarsdale, has purchased the home of him by Mr. Lesan. It is situated on over more than \$25,000 to build. of Scarsdale, has purchased the home of him by Mr. Lessell.

Harry E. Lessell, president of the H. E. two and a half agrees in the Greenneres quarters, is on the property. The new owner will take possession after extensions. Advertising Agency, for a consequence of Scarsdale and overlooks the lower will take possession after extensions. Griffen, Prince & Rip-She house was built in 1910 by Earle C. and Country Club. The house contains ley, Inc., negotiated the sale

Mrs. Alice Worth Geddes, a resident | Bacon and two years later bought from thifteen rooms and four baths and co